



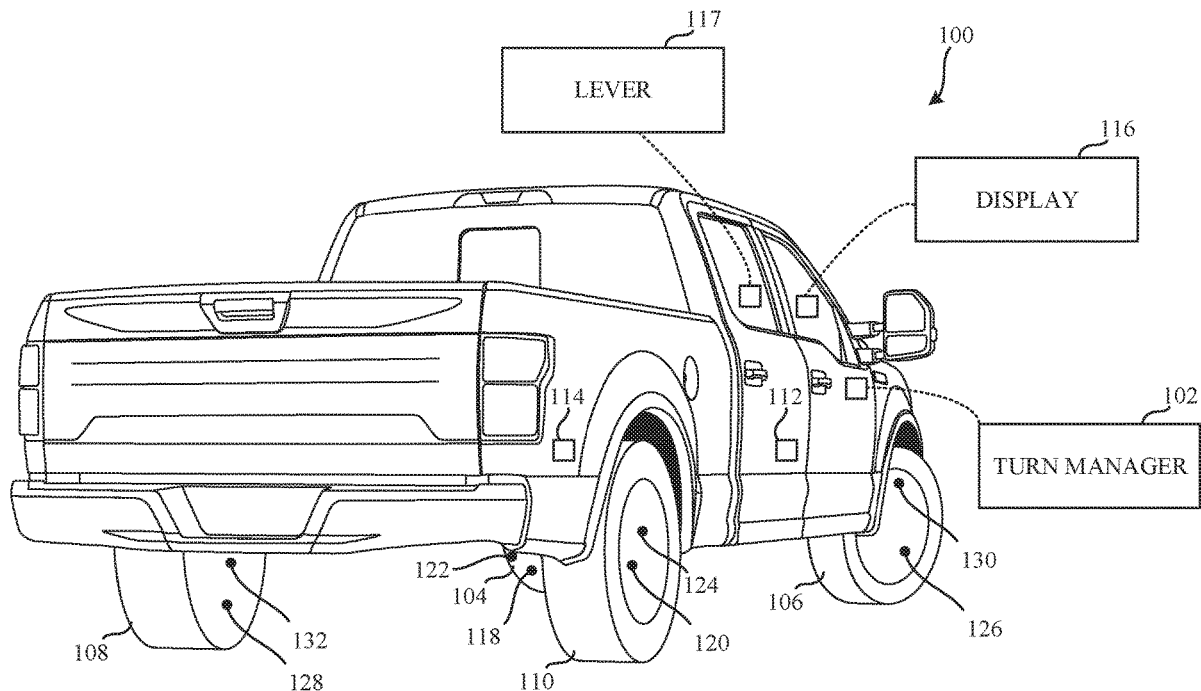
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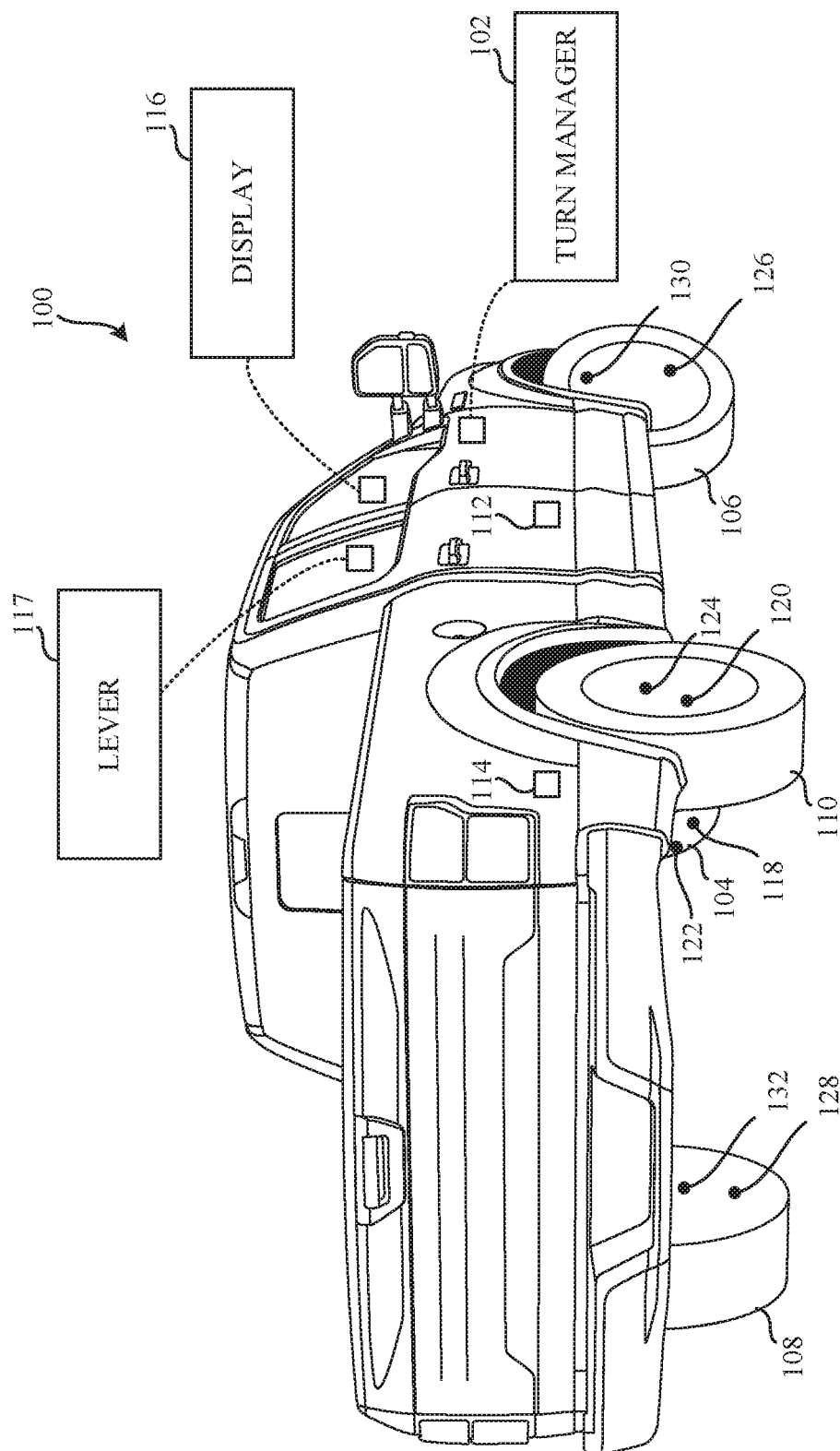
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ABSTRACT

Methods, apparatus, systems and articles of manufacture are disclosed to perform a tank turn. An example vehicle includes a first wheel and a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle, a first suspension coupled to the first wheel, a second suspension coupled to the second wheel, and a controller to drive the first axle in a first direction, drive the second axle in a second direction, the first direction different from the second direction, and decrease a first suspension load of the first suspension and a second suspension load of the second suspension.





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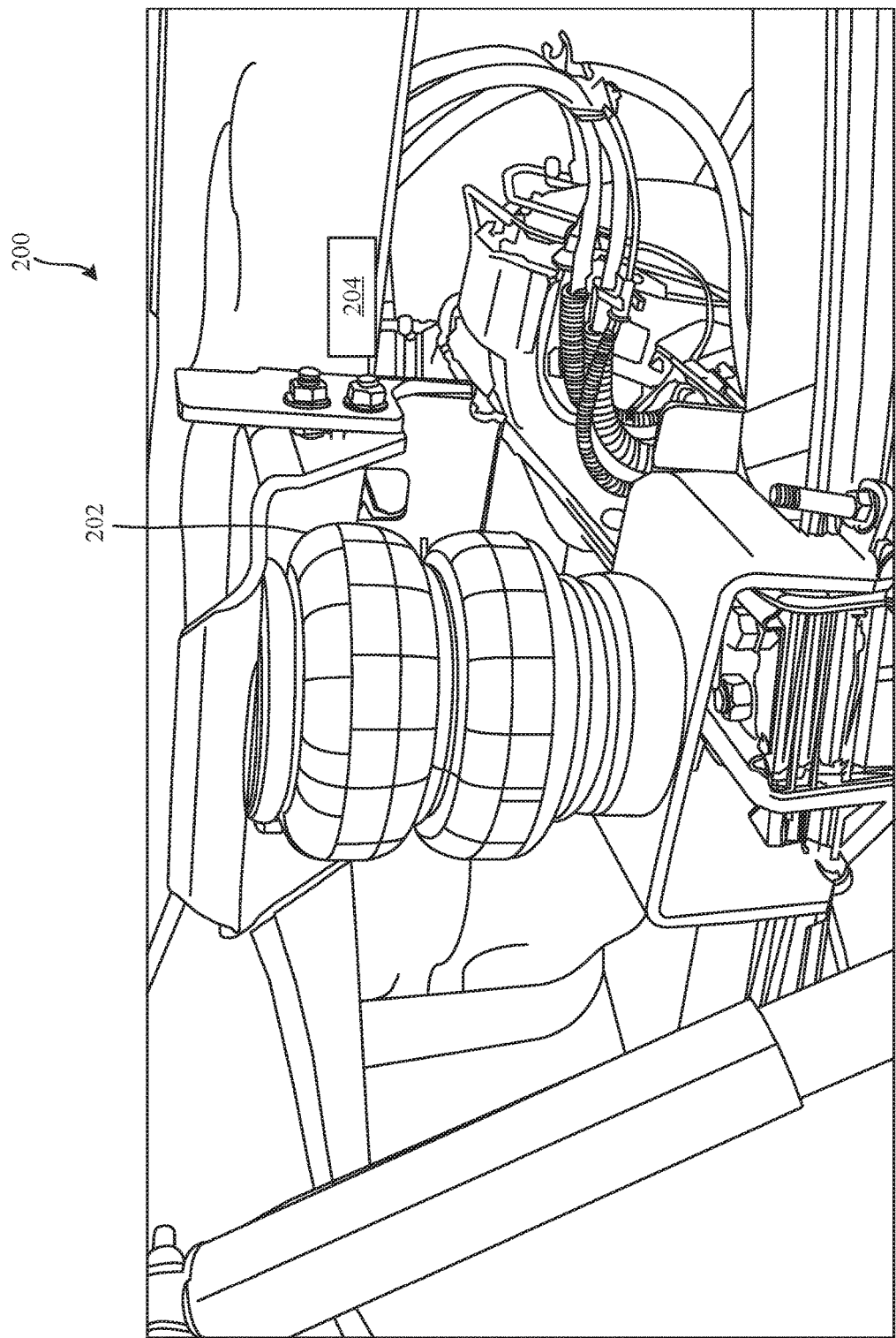


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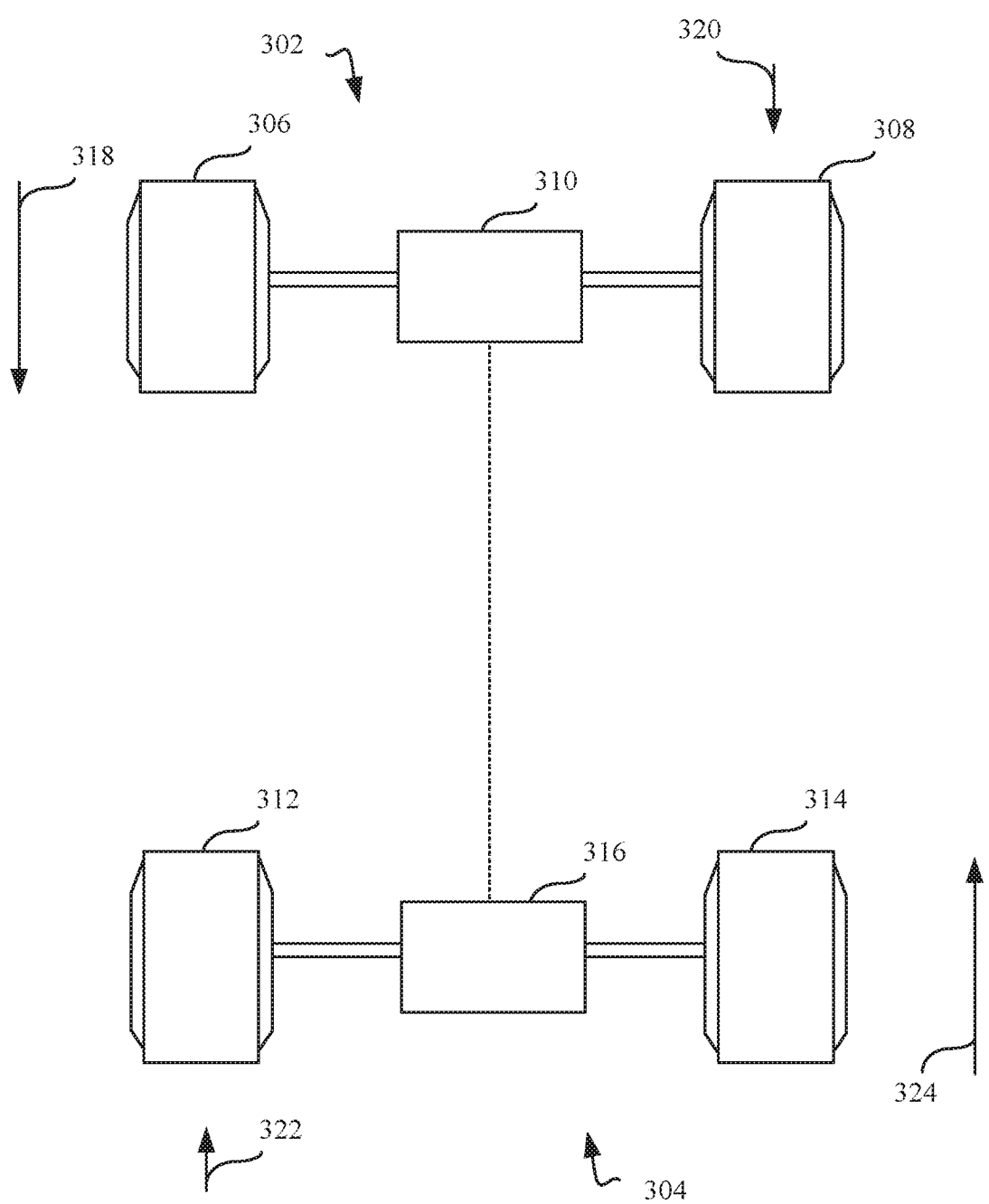


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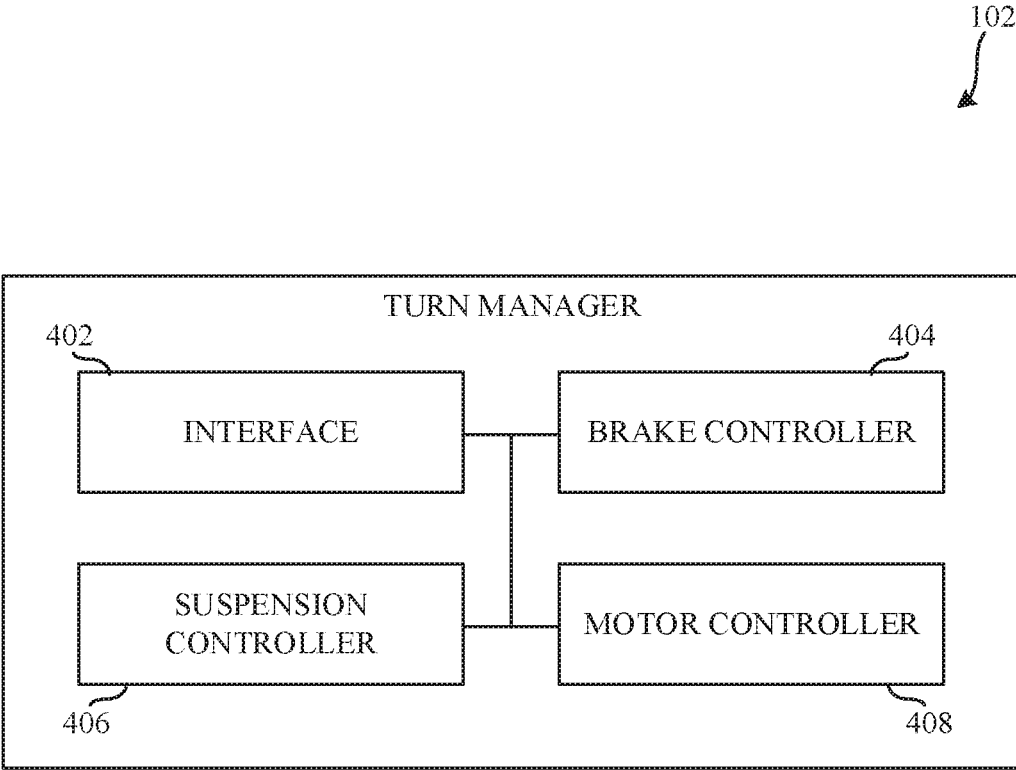


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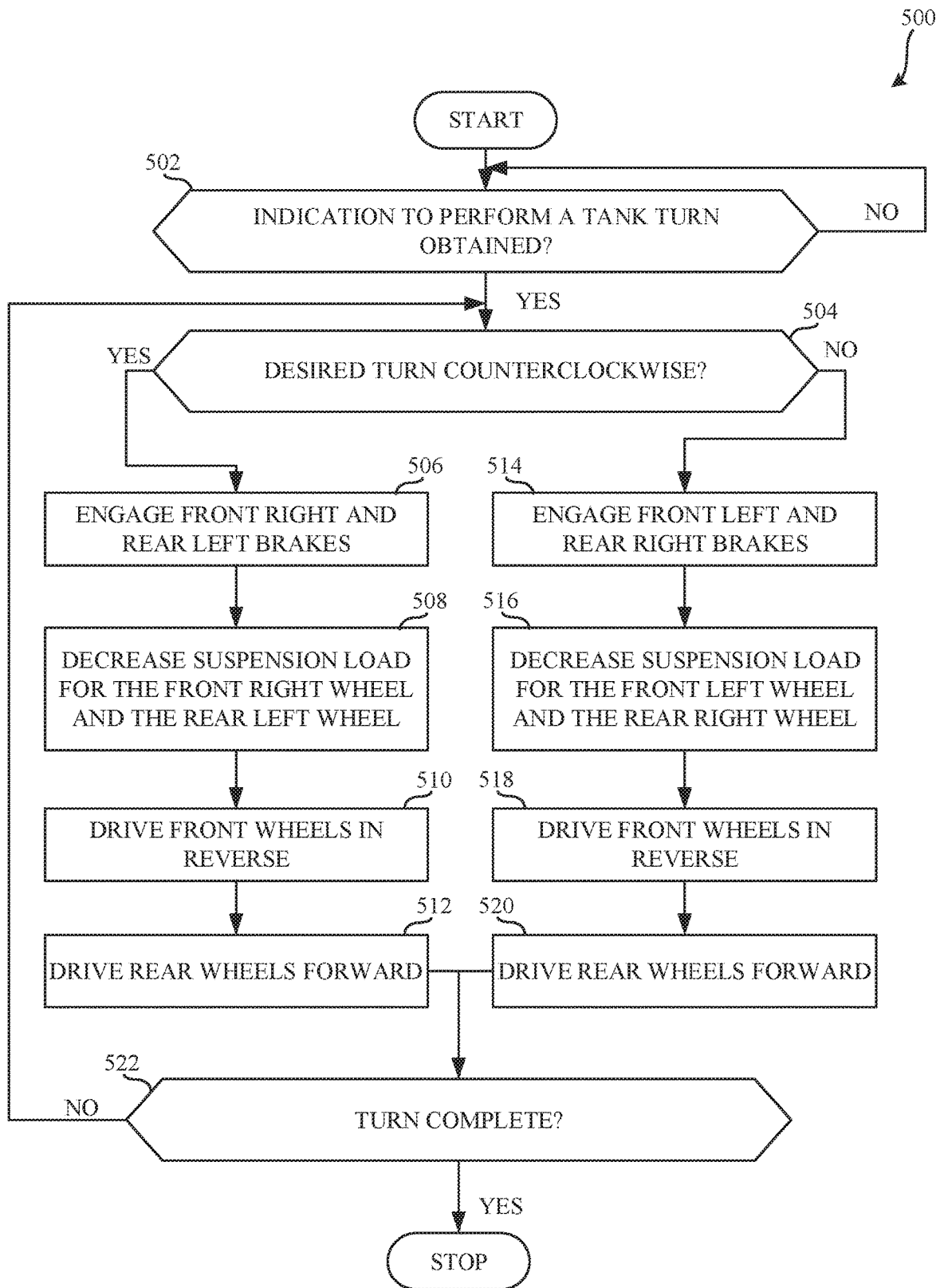


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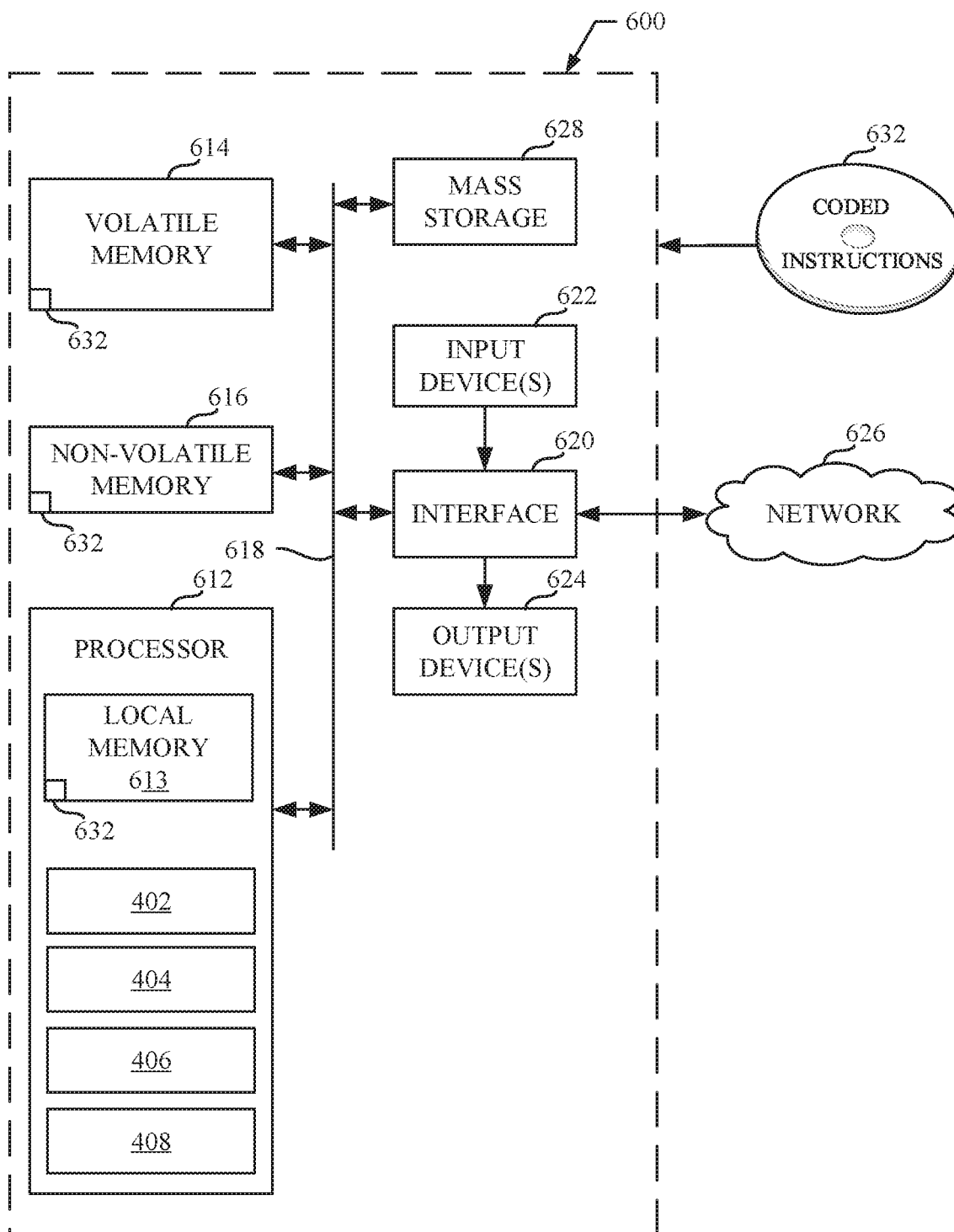


FIG. 6

METHODS AND APPARATUS TO PERFORM A TANK TURN

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0001] This disclosure relates generally to vehicle control and, more particularly, to methods and apparatus to perform a tank turn.

BACKGROUND

[0002] In recent years, vehicle control systems have developed to control vehicle operations such as, for example, engage and/or disengage a brake, increase and/or decrease suspension load, turn a steering wheel, etc., with minimal user interaction. Such vehicle control operations can be implemented to manipulate a vehicle (e.g., steer a wheel, engage a motor, etc.) to perform operations such as, for example, a parallel park movement, a reverse movement, etc.

SUMMARY

[0003] An example vehicle includes a first wheel and a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle, a first suspension coupled to the first wheel, a second suspension coupled to the second wheel, and a controller to drive the first axle in a first direction, drive the second axle in a second direction, the first direction different from the second direction, and decrease a first suspension load of the first suspension and a second suspension load of the second suspension.

[0004] An example non-transitory computer readable medium includes instructions which, when executed, cause at least one processor to: determine whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained, and in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained: decrease a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel, and decrease a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

[0005] An example method includes determining whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained, and in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained: decreasing a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel, and decreasing a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] FIG. 1 illustrates an example vehicle including an example turn manager implemented in accordance with the teachings of this disclosure.

[0007] FIG. 2 illustrates an example suspension including an example flexible bellow and an example pump.

[0008] FIG. 3 depicts an example first axle and an example second axle.

[0009] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating the example turn manager of FIG. 1.

[0010] FIG. 5 is a flowchart representative of example machine readable instructions which may be executed to implement the turn manager of FIGS. 1 and/or 4.

[0011] FIG. 6 is a block diagram of an example processor platform structured to execute the instructions of FIG. 5 to implement the turn manager of FIGS. 1, and/or 4.

[0012] The figures are not to scale. Instead, the thickness of the layers or regions may be enlarged in the drawings. Although the figures show layers and regions with clean lines and boundaries, some or all of these lines and/or boundaries may be idealized. In reality, the boundaries and/or lines may be unobservable, blended, and/or irregular. In general, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawing(s) and accompanying written description to refer to the same or like parts. As used herein, unless otherwise stated, the term “above” describes the relationship of two parts relative to Earth. A first part is above a second part, if the second part has at least one part between Earth and the first part. Likewise, as used herein, a first part is “below” a second part when the first part is closer to the Earth than the second part. As noted above, a first part can be above or below a second part with one or more of: other parts therebetween, without other parts therebetween, with the first and second parts touching, or without the first and second parts being in direct contact with one another. As used in this patent, stating that any part (e.g., a layer, film, area, region, or plate) is in any way on (e.g., positioned on, located on, disposed on, or formed on, etc.) another part, indicates that the referenced part is either in contact with the other part, or that the referenced part is above the other part with one or more intermediate part(s) located therebetween. As used herein, connection references (e.g., attached, coupled, connected, and joined) may include intermediate members between the elements referenced by the connection reference and/or relative movement between those elements unless otherwise indicated. As such, connection references do not necessarily infer that two elements are directly connected and/or in fixed relation to each other. As used herein, stating that any part is in “contact” with another part is defined to mean that there is no intermediate part between the two parts.

[0013] Unless specifically stated otherwise, descriptors such as “first,” “second,” “third,” etc. are used herein without imputing or otherwise indicating any meaning of priority, physical order, arrangement in a list, and/or ordering in any way, but are merely used as labels and/or arbitrary names to distinguish elements for ease of understanding the disclosed examples. In some examples, the descriptor “first” may be used to refer to an element in the detailed description, while the same element may be referred to in a claim with a different descriptor such as “second” or “third.” In such instances, it should be understood that such descriptors are used merely for identifying those elements distinctly that might, for example, otherwise share a same name. As used herein, “approximately” and “about” refer to dimensions that may not be exact due to manufacturing tolerances and/or other real world imperfections. As used herein “substantially real time” refers to occurrence in a near instantaneous manner recognizing there may be real world delays for computing time, transmission, etc. Thus, unless otherwise specified, “substantially real time” refers to real time \pm 1 second.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0014] Some vehicles such as, for example, automobiles, are equipped with electric motors rather than traditional combustion engines. As a result, such vehicles can perform operational maneuvers not traditionally available. For example, these vehicles can, when in operation, drive (a) the front left wheel and the rear left wheel in a first direction and (b) the front right wheel and the rear right wheel in a second direction. In this manner, the vehicle may perform a tank turn. As used herein, a tank turn refers to a skid steer. For example, a counterclockwise tank turn refers to a skid steer maneuver in a counterclockwise direction. Likewise, a clockwise tank turn refers to a skid steer maneuver in a clockwise direction.

[0015] However, the above-mentioned maneuver operates using four individual motors (e.g., electric motors) configured to drive each wheel (e.g., the front left wheel, the front right wheel, the rear left wheel, and the rear right wheel) of a four-wheeled vehicle. In some examples, a vehicle may be equipped with (a) a first electric motor to drive a first axle, thus driving a front left wheel and a front right wheel and (b) a second electric motor to drive a second axle, thus driving a rear left wheel and a rear right wheel.

[0016] Examples disclosed herein include methods and apparatus to perform a tank turn using a two-motor vehicle. Examples disclosed herein include determining whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained, and in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained, engaging a first brake associated with a first wheel, engaging a second brake associated with a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle. Additionally, examples disclosed herein include decreasing a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to the first wheel, and decreasing a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to the second wheel.

[0017] FIG. 1 illustrates an example vehicle 100 including an example turn manager 102 implemented in accordance with the teachings of this disclosure. The vehicle 100 further includes a first example front wheel 104, a second example front wheel 106, a first example rear wheel 108, and a second example rear wheel 110.

[0018] In the illustrated example of FIG. 1, the vehicle 100 is a consumer automobile. For example, the vehicle 100 of FIG. 1 is a consumer truck. In other examples, the vehicle 100 can be a commercial truck, a motorcycle, a motorized cart, an all-terrain vehicle, a motorized scooter, a locomotive, a consumer automobile, or any other vehicle. In the example of FIG. 1, the vehicle 100 includes an example first motor 112 and an example second motor 114. The first motor 112 and the second motor 114 are electric motors configured to drive a front axle (e.g., an axle to which the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 are coupled) and a rear axle (e.g., an axle to which the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 are coupled) of the vehicle 100, respectively. In other examples disclosed herein, the first motor 112 may be any suitable motor configured to drive a front axle (e.g., an axle to which the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 are coupled) of the vehicle 100. Likewise, in other examples disclosed herein, the second motor 114 may be any suitable motor configured to drive a rear axle (e.g., an axle to which the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 are coupled) of the vehicle 100.

[0019] The turn manager 102 is communicatively coupled to an example display 116. In this manner, the turn manager 102 determines whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. For example, the display 116 can be within an interior of the vehicle 100 (e.g., a dashboard display, an overhead display, etc.) implemented as a graphical user interface (GUI). Additionally or alternatively, the display 116 can be a physical button or switch included within the interior of the vehicle 100 and/or included in a mobile device (e.g., a smartphone, a tablet, a smartwatch, etc.) of an operator or a passenger of the vehicle 100. In some examples, the display 116 can display an option to perform a tank turn, to be determined by the turn manager 102. For example, the display 116 can present a selection to a user of the vehicle 100 that, when selected, indicates to the turn manager 102 to perform a tank turn. In some examples, additionally or alternatively, the turn manager 102 is communicatively coupled to an example lever (e.g., shift lever, direction lever, gear selector) 117 of the vehicle 100. In such examples, the lever 117 can be configured so that the turn manager 102 determines that a tank turn is to be performed in response to the user of the vehicle 100 twisting and/or deflecting the lever 117.

[0020] In operation, the turn manager 102 is configured to, in response to determining that a user of the vehicle 100 has indicated to perform a tank turn, determine whether the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, or a counterclockwise tank-turn. For example, a user of the vehicle 100 may select, via the display 116, to perform a clockwise tank turn. In the event the turn manager 102 determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the turn manager 102 engages example brakes 126, 128 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 130, 132 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively, in response to engaging the example brakes 126, 128. In addition to engaging the example brakes 126, 128 and decreasing the suspension load of the suspensions 130, 132, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the first motor 112 forward, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 forward. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the second motor 114 in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 in reverse. In this manner, the net torque on the vehicle 100 causes the vehicle 100 to perform a clockwise tank turn.

[0021] Alternatively, in the event the turn manager 102 determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the turn manager 102 engages example brakes 118, 120 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 122, 124 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. In addition to engaging the example brakes 118, 120 and decreasing the suspension load of the suspensions 122, 124, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the first motor 112 in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 in reverse. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the second motor 114 forward, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 forward. In this manner, the net torque on the vehicle 100 causes the vehicle 100 to perform a clockwise tank turn.

[0022] In another example, a user of the vehicle 100 may select, via the display 116, to perform a counterclockwise tank turn. In the event the turn manager 102 determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the turn manager 102 engages example brakes 118, 120 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 122, 124 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. In addition to engaging the example brakes 118, 120 and decreasing the suspension load of the suspensions 122, 124, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the first motor 112 forward, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 forward. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the second motor 114 in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 in reverse. In this manner, the net torque on the vehicle 100 causes the vehicle 100 to perform a counterclockwise tank turn.

[0023] In yet another example, in the event the turn manager 102 determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the turn manager 102 engages example brakes 126, 128 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 130, 132 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. In addition to engaging the example brakes 126, 128 and decreasing the suspension load of the suspensions 130, 132, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the first motor 112 in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 in reverse. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to drive the second motor 114 forward, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 forward. In this manner, the net torque on the vehicle 100 causes the vehicle 100 to perform a counterclockwise tank turn.

[0024] In the illustrated example, the turn manager 102 is operatively coupled to the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128. Accordingly, the turn manager 102 is configured to determine the engagement of the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128. For example, the turn manager 102 can determine whether a brake of the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128 is engaged or disengaged. Additionally, the turn manager 102 can adjust the engagement of the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128 by engaging or disengaging at least one of the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128. In examples disclosed herein, the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128 may be implemented using any suitable vehicular braking apparatus and/or mechanism such as, for example, a disc brake, a drum brake, etc.

[0025] In some examples, the front axle and/or the rear axle are locked. For example, in response to the front axle being locked, the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 are configured to rotate together (e.g., at the same speed and/or in the same direction). Similarly, in response to the rear axle being locked, the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 are configured to rotate together. As such, engaging at least one of the brakes 118, 120 of the front axle stops and/or slows rotation of both the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106, and engaging at least one of the brakes 126, 128 of the rear axle stops and/or slows rotation of both the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110. Accordingly, in response to the front axle and/or

the rear axle being locked, the turn manager 102 does not engage the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128 to perform a tank turn.

[0026] For example, in response to the turn manager 102 determining that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn and that the front axle and/or the rear axle are locked, the turn manager 102 does not engage the example brakes 118, 120 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 122, 124 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively. In such examples, the turn manager 102 drives the first motor 112 in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 in reverse at the same speed. Additionally, the turn manager 102 drives the second motor 114 forward, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 forward at the same speed. Thus, the turn manager 102 can reduce traction between a road surface and the first front wheel 104 and/or between the road surface and the second rear wheel 110. Accordingly, in such examples, the first front wheel 104 and/or the second rear wheel 110 can skid along the road surface. As such, the vehicle 100 can perform a clockwise tank turn without braking of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110.

[0027] Alternatively, in response to the turn manager 102 determining that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn and that the front axle and/or the rear axle are locked, the turn manager 102 does not engage the example brakes 126, 128 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 130, 132 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. In such examples, the turn manager 102 drives the first motor 112 forward, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 forward at the same speed. Additionally, the turn manager 102 drives the second motor 114 in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 in reverse at the same speed. Thus, the turn manager 102 can reduce traction between a road surface and the second front wheel 106 and/or between the road surface and the first rear wheel 108. Accordingly, in such examples, the second front wheel 106 and/or the first rear wheel 108 can skid along the road surface. As such, the vehicle 100 can perform a clockwise tank turn without braking of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108.

[0028] In other examples, in response to the turn manager 102 determining that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn and that the front axle and/or the rear axle are locked, the turn manager 102 does not engage the example brakes 126, 128 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager 102 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 130, 132 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively. In such examples, the turn manager 102 drives the first motor 112 in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 in reverse at the same speed. Furthermore, the turn manager 102 drives the second motor 114 forward, thus driving the first rear wheel 108 and the second rear wheel 110 forward at the same speed. Thus, in response to driving the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, the turn manager 102 can reduce traction between the road surface and the second front wheel 106 and/or between the

road surface and the first rear wheel **108**. Accordingly, in such examples, the second front wheel **106** and/or the first rear wheel **108** can skid along the road surface. As such, the vehicle **100** can perform a counterclockwise tank turn without braking of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**.

[0029] Alternatively, in response to the turn manager **102** determining that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn and that the front axle and/or the rear axle are locked, the turn manager **102** does not engage the example brakes **118**, **120** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively. Additionally, the turn manager **102** is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions **122**, **124** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively. In such examples, the turn manager **102** drives the first motor **112** forward, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** forward at the same speed. Additionally, the turn manager **102** drives the second motor **114** in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** in reverse at the same speed. Thus, the turn manager **102** can reduce traction between a road surface and the first front wheel **104** and/or between the road surface and the second rear wheel **110**. Accordingly, in such examples, the first front wheel **104** and/or the second rear wheel **110** can skid along the road surface. As such, the vehicle **100** can perform a counterclockwise tank turn without braking of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**.

[0030] In the illustrated example, the turn manager **102** is also operatively coupled to the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132**. Accordingly, the turn manager **102** is configured to determine the load of the suspension **122**, **124**, **130**, **132**. For example, the turn manager **102** can determine the distance that at least one of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** is retracted or extended. Additionally, the turn manager **102** can adjust the load of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** by retracting or extending at least one of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132**. In the example of FIG. 1, the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** are air bag suspensions including a flexible bellow. Accordingly, to decrease a suspension load, the turn manager **102** may indicate to remove air from a flexible bellow of at least one of the corresponding suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132**. Likewise, to increase a suspension load, the turn manager **102** may indicate to pump air into a flexible bellow of at least one of the corresponding suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132**. Additional description of an example suspension of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** is described below, in connection with FIG. 2. In other examples disclosed herein, any of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** may be implemented using any suitable suspension apparatus and/or mechanism such as, for example, a MacPherson strut suspension, a swing axle suspension, a leaf and spring suspension, etc. In some examples, the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** can be fully independent air suspensions such that each of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** can be independently controlled by the turn manager **102**.

[0031] FIG. 2 illustrates an example suspension **200** including an example flexible bellow **202** and an example pump **204**. In FIG. 2, the suspension **200** may correspond to any of the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** of FIG. 1. The suspension **200** is an air-bag suspension coupled to a wheel. For example, the suspension **200** may be coupled to any of

the first front wheel **104**, the second front wheel **106**, the first rear wheel **108**, or the second rear wheel **110**.

[0032] In operation, a controller (e.g., the turn manager **102** of FIG. 1) may indicate to the pump **204** to increase or decrease the air pressure within the flexible bellow **202**. For example, to decrease a suspension load of the suspension **200**, the controller (e.g., the turn manager **102**) may indicate to the pump **204** to remove air from (e.g., decrease air pressure in) the flexible bellow **202**. Alternatively, to increase a suspension load of the suspension **200**, the controller (e.g., the turn manager **102**) may indicate to the pump **204** to pump air into (e.g., increase air pressure in) the flexible bellow **202**.

[0033] FIG. 3 depicts a first example axle **302** and a second example axle **304**. In FIG. 3, the first axle **302** includes a first wheel **306** coupled to a first end of the first axle **302** and an example second wheel **308** coupled to a second end of the first axle **302**. For example, the first wheel **306** may correspond to the first front wheel **104** of FIG. 1. Likewise, the second wheel **308** may correspond to the second front wheel **106** of FIG. 1. In FIG. 3, the first axle **302** is coupled to a first motor **310**. The first motor **310** is an electric motor. The first motor **310** may correspond to the example first motor **112** of FIG. 1.

[0034] In FIG. 3, the second axle **304** includes a third wheel **312** coupled to a first end of the second axle **304** and an example fourth wheel **314** coupled to a second end of the second axle **304**. For example, the third wheel **312** may correspond to the first rear wheel **108** of FIG. 1. Likewise, the fourth wheel **314** may correspond to the second rear wheel **110** of FIG. 1. In FIG. 3, the second axle **304** is coupled to a second motor **316**. The second motor **316** is an electric motor. The second motor **316** may correspond to the example second motor **114** of FIG. 1.

[0035] For illustration purposes, FIG. 3 includes example force indicators. For examples, the illustration of FIG. 3 includes a first force indicator **318** indicating a net force direction of the first wheel **306**, a second force indicator **320** indicating a net force direction of the second wheel **308**, a third force indicator **322** indicating a net force direction of the third wheel **312**, and a fourth force indicator **324** indicating a net force direction of the fourth wheel **314**.

[0036] The first force indicator **318**, the second force indicator **320**, the third force indicator **322**, and the fourth force indicator **324** illustrate a net direction of force as a result of (a) causing the first motor **310** to drive the first wheel **306** and the second wheel **308** in a reverse direction, (b) causing the second motor **316** to drive the third wheel **312** and the fourth wheel **314** in a forward direction, (c) engaging a brake associated with the second wheel **308**, (d) engaging a brake associated with the third wheel **312**, (e) decreasing a suspension load of the second wheel **308**, and (f) decreasing a suspension load of the third wheel **312**.

[0037] For example, in response to decreasing the suspension loads associated with the second wheel **308** and the third wheel **312**, a load on the first wheel **306** and the fourth wheel **314** is larger compared to a load on the second wheel **308** and the third wheel **312**. Additionally, the coefficient of friction is the same across the wheels **306**, **308**, **312**, **314**. As such, first traction forces associated with the first wheel **306** and the fourth wheel **314** are larger compared to second traction forces associated with the second wheel **308** and the third wheel **312**. In some examples, the first traction forces

and/or the second traction forces are based on rotation speed and/or suspension loads of the wheels **306**, **308**, **312**, **314**.

[0038] In the illustrated example of FIG. 3, the first force indicator **318** and the fourth force indicator **324** correspond to the first traction forces in the counterclockwise direction. Alternatively, the second force indicator **320** and the third force indicator **322** correspond to the second traction forces in the clockwise direction. In the illustrated example of FIG. 3, lengths of the force indicators **318**, **320**, **322**, **324** correspond to magnitudes of the first traction forces and/or the second traction forces on the respective wheels **306**, **308**, **312**, **314**. In the illustrated example of FIG. 3, the magnitudes of the first force indicator **318** and the fourth force indicator **324** are larger than the magnitudes of the second force indicator **320** and the third force indicator **322**. Accordingly, a net force is in the counterclockwise direction. In this manner, the net torque is exerted in a counterclockwise direction such that a configuration of the front axle **302** and the rear axle **304** in the illustrated example of FIG. 3 can be used to perform a counterclockwise tank turn.

[0039] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating the example turn manager **102** of FIG. 1. The turn manager **102** includes an example interface **402**, an example brake controller **404**, an example suspension controller **406**, and an example motor controller **408**. The example interface **402** is configured to communicate with the display **116** to obtain an indication of whether to perform a tank turn. In response to determining that a user of the vehicle **100** has indicated to perform a tank turn, the interface **402** determines whether the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, or a counterclockwise tank turn. For example, a user of the vehicle **100** may select, via the display **116**, to perform a clockwise tank turn. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the interface **402** communicates with the brake controller **404**, the suspension controller **406**, and the motor controller **408** to indicate that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the interface **402** communicates with the brake controller **404**, the suspension controller **406**, and the motor controller **408** to indicate that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn. The example interface **402** of the illustrated example of FIG. 4 is implemented by a logic circuit such as, for example, a hardware processor. However, any other type of circuitry may additionally or alternatively be used such as, for example, one or more analog or digital circuit(s), logic circuits, programmable processor(s), application specific integrated circuit(s) (ASIC(s)), programmable logic device(s) (PLD(s)), field programmable logic device(s) (FPLD(s)), digital signal processor(s) (DSP(s)), etc.

[0040] The brake controller **404** is configured to communicate with the interface **402** to facilitate engagement of one or more brakes (e.g., the brakes **118**, **120**, **126**, **128** of FIG. 1) in response to an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. The brake controller **404** is communicatively coupled to the brakes **118**, **120**, **126**, **128** of FIG. 1. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the brake controller **404** engages example brakes **118**, **120** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, of FIG. 1. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the brake controller **404** engages example brakes **126**, **128** of the second front wheel

106 and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively, of FIG. 1. The example brake controller **404** of the illustrated example of FIG. 4 is implemented by a logic circuit such as, for example, a hardware processor. However, any other type of circuitry may additionally or alternatively be used such as, for example, one or more analog or digital circuit(s), logic circuits, programmable processor(s), application specific integrated circuit(s) (ASIC(s)), programmable logic device(s) (PLD(s)), field programmable logic device(s) (FPLD(s)), digital signal processor(s) (DSP(s)), etc.

[0041] The suspension controller **406** is configured to communicate with the interface **402** to facilitate engagement of one or more suspensions (e.g., the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** of FIG. 1) in response to an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. The suspension controller **406** is communicatively coupled to the suspensions **122**, **124**, **130**, **132** of FIG. 1. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the suspension controller **406** is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions **122**, **124** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, of FIG. 1. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the suspension controller **406** is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions **130**, **132** of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively, of FIG. 1. The example suspension controller **406** of the illustrated example of FIG. 4 is implemented by a logic circuit such as, for example, a hardware processor. However, any other type of circuitry may additionally or alternatively be used such as, for example, one or more analog or digital circuit(s), logic circuits, programmable processor(s), application specific integrated circuit(s) (ASIC(s)), programmable logic device(s) (PLD(s)), field programmable logic device(s) (FPLD(s)), digital signal processor(s) (DSP(s)), etc.

[0042] The motor controller **408** is configured to communicate with the interface **402** to facilitate engagement of one or more motors (e.g., the motors **112**, **114** of FIG. 1) in response to an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. The motor controller **408** is communicatively coupled to the motors **112**, **114** of FIG. 1. In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a clockwise tank turn, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the first motor **112** in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** in reverse. Additionally, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** forward, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** forward. In this manner, along with the engagement of the example brakes **118**, **120** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, and the decrease in suspension load of example suspensions **122**, **124** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, the net torque on the vehicle **100** causes the vehicle **100** to perform a clockwise tank turn.

[0043] In the event the interface **402** determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the first motor **112** in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** in reverse. Additionally, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** forward, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** forward. In this manner, along with the engagement of the example brakes **126**, **128** of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively, and the

decrease in suspension load of example suspensions **130**, **132** of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively, the net torque on the vehicle **100** causes the vehicle **100** to perform a counterclockwise tank turn. The example motor controller **408** of the illustrated example of FIG. **4** is implemented by a logic circuit such as, for example, a hardware processor. However, any other type of circuitry may additionally or alternatively be used such as, for example, one or more analog or digital circuit(s), logic circuits, programmable processor(s), application specific integrated circuit(s) (ASIC(s)), programmable logic device(s) (PLD(s)), field programmable logic device(s) (FPLD(s)), digital signal processor(s) (DSP(s)), etc.

[0044] While an example manner of implementing the turn manager **102** of FIG. **1** is illustrated in FIG. **4**, one or more of the elements, processes and/or devices illustrated in FIG. **4** may be combined, divided, re-arranged, omitted, eliminated and/or implemented in any other way. Further, the example interface **402**, the example brake controller **404**, the example suspension controller **406**, the example motor controller **408**, and/or, more generally, the example turn manager **102** of FIG. **4** may be implemented by hardware, software, firmware and/or any combination of hardware, software and/or firmware. Thus, for example, any of the example interface **402**, the example brake controller **404**, the example suspension controller **406**, the example motor controller **408**, and/or, more generally, the example turn manager **102** of FIG. **4** could be implemented by one or more analog or digital circuit(s), logic circuits, programmable processor(s), programmable controller(s), graphics processing unit(s) (GPU(s)), digital signal processor(s) (DSP(s)), application specific integrated circuit(s) (ASIC(s)), programmable logic device(s) (PLD(s)) and/or field programmable logic device(s) (FPLD(s)). When reading any of the apparatus or system claims of this patent to cover a purely software and/or firmware implementation, at least one of the example interface **402**, the example brake controller **404**, the example suspension controller **406**, and/or the example motor controller **408** is/are hereby expressly defined to include a non-transitory computer readable storage device or storage disk such as a memory, a digital versatile disk (DVD), a compact disk (CD), a Blu-ray disk, etc. including the software and/or firmware. Further still, the example motor controller **102** of FIG. **4** may include one or more elements, processes and/or devices in addition to, or instead of, those illustrated in FIG. **4**, and/or may include more than one of any or all of the illustrated elements, processes and devices. As used herein, the phrase “in communication,” including variations thereof, encompasses direct communication and/or indirect communication through one or more intermediary components, and does not require direct physical (e.g., wired) communication and/or constant communication, but rather additionally includes selective communication at periodic intervals, scheduled intervals, aperiodic intervals, and/or one-time events.

[0045] A flowchart representative of example hardware logic, machine readable instructions, hardware implemented state machines, and/or any combination thereof for implementing the turn manager **102** of FIGS. **1** and/or **4** is shown in FIG. **5**. The machine readable instructions may be one or more executable programs or portion(s) of an executable program for execution by a computer processor and/or processor circuitry, such as the processor **612** shown in the example processor platform **600** discussed below in con-

nection with FIG. **6**. The program may be embodied in software stored on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium such as a CD-ROM, a floppy disk, a hard drive, a DVD, a Blu-ray disk, or a memory associated with the processor **612**, but the entire program and/or parts thereof could alternatively be executed by a device other than the processor **612** and/or embodied in firmware or dedicated hardware. Further, although the example program is described with reference to the flowchart illustrated in FIG. **5**, many other methods of implementing the example turn manager **102** may alternatively be used. For example, the order of execution of the blocks may be changed, and/or some of the blocks described may be changed, eliminated, or combined. Additionally or alternatively, any or all of the blocks may be implemented by one or more hardware circuits (e.g., discrete and/or integrated analog and/or digital circuitry, an FPGA, an ASIC, a comparator, an operational-amplifier (op-amp), a logic circuit, etc.) structured to perform the corresponding operation without executing software or firmware. The processor circuitry may be distributed in different network locations and/or local to one or more devices (e.g., a multi-core processor in a single machine, multiple processors distributed across a server rack, etc.).

[0046] The machine readable instructions described herein may be stored in one or more of a compressed format, an encrypted format, a fragmented format, a compiled format, an executable format, a packaged format, etc. Machine readable instructions as described herein may be stored as data or a data structure (e.g., portions of instructions, code, representations of code, etc.) that may be utilized to create, manufacture, and/or produce machine executable instructions. For example, the machine readable instructions may be fragmented and stored on one or more storage devices and/or computing devices (e.g., servers) located at the same or different locations of a network or collection of networks (e.g., in the cloud, in edge devices, etc.). The machine readable instructions may require one or more of installation, modification, adaptation, updating, combining, supplementing, configuring, decryption, decompression, unpacking, distribution, reassignment, compilation, etc. in order to make them directly readable, interpretable, and/or executable by a computing device and/or other machine. For example, the machine readable instructions may be stored in multiple parts, which are individually compressed, encrypted, and stored on separate computing devices, wherein the parts when decrypted, decompressed, and combined form a set of executable instructions that implement one or more functions that may together form a program such as that described herein.

[0047] In another example, the machine readable instructions may be stored in a state in which they may be read by processor circuitry, but require addition of a library (e.g., a dynamic link library (DLL)), a software development kit (SDK), an application programming interface (API), etc. in order to execute the instructions on a particular computing device or other device. In another example, the machine readable instructions may need to be configured (e.g., settings stored, data input, network addresses recorded, etc.) before the machine readable instructions and/or the corresponding program(s) can be executed in whole or in part. Thus, machine readable media, as used herein, may include machine readable instructions and/or program(s) regardless

of the particular format or state of the machine readable instructions and/or program(s) when stored or otherwise at rest or in transit.

[0048] The machine readable instructions described herein can be represented by any past, present, or future instruction language, scripting language, programming language, etc. For example, the machine readable instructions may be represented using any of the following languages: C, C++, Java, C#, Perl, Python, JavaScript, HyperText Markup Language (HTML), Structured Query Language (SQL), Swift, etc.

[0049] As mentioned above, the example processes of FIG. 5 may be implemented using executable instructions (e.g., computer and/or machine readable instructions) stored on a non-transitory computer and/or machine readable medium such as a hard disk drive, a flash memory, a read-only memory, a compact disk, a digital versatile disk, a cache, a random-access memory and/or any other storage device or storage disk in which information is stored for any duration (e.g., for extended time periods, permanently, for brief instances, for temporarily buffering, and/or for caching of the information). As used herein, the term non-transitory computer readable medium is expressly defined to include any type of computer readable storage device and/or storage disk and to exclude propagating signals and to exclude transmission media.

[0050] “Including” and “comprising” (and all forms and tenses thereof) are used herein to be open ended terms. Thus, whenever a claim employs any form of “include” or “comprise” (e.g., comprises, includes, comprising, including, having, etc.) as a preamble or within a claim recitation of any kind, it is to be understood that additional elements, terms, etc. may be present without falling outside the scope of the corresponding claim or recitation. As used herein, when the phrase “at least” is used as the transition term in, for example, a preamble of a claim, it is open-ended in the same manner as the term “comprising” and “including” are open ended. The term “and/or” when used, for example, in a form such as A, B, and/or C refers to any combination or subset of A, B, C such as (1) A alone, (2) B alone, (3) C alone, (4) A with B, (5) A with C, (6) B with C, and (7) A with B and with C. As used herein in the context of describing structures, components, items, objects and/or things, the phrase “at least one of A and B” is intended to refer to implementations including any of (1) at least one A, (2) at least one B, and (3) at least one A and at least one B. Similarly, as used herein in the context of describing structures, components, items, objects and/or things, the phrase “at least one of A or B” is intended to refer to implementations including any of (1) at least one A, (2) at least one B, and (3) at least one A and at least one B. As used herein in the context of describing the performance or execution of processes, instructions, actions, activities and/or steps, the phrase “at least one of A and B” is intended to refer to implementations including any of (1) at least one A, (2) at least one B, and (3) at least one A and at least one B. Similarly, as used herein in the context of describing the performance or execution of processes, instructions, actions, activities and/or steps, the phrase “at least one of A or B” is intended to refer to implementations including any of (1) at least one A, (2) at least one B, and (3) at least one A and at least one B.

[0051] As used herein, singular references (e.g., “a”, “an”, “first”, “second”, etc.) do not exclude a plurality. The term

“a” or “an” entity, as used herein, refers to one or more of that entity. The terms “a” (or “an”), “one or more”, and “at least one” can be used interchangeably herein. Furthermore, although individually listed, a plurality of means, elements or method actions may be implemented by, e.g., a single unit or processor. Additionally, although individual features may be included in different examples or claims, these may possibly be combined, and the inclusion in different examples or claims does not imply that a combination of features is not feasible and/or advantageous.

[0052] FIG. 5 is a flowchart representative of example machine readable instructions 500 which may be executed to implement the turn manager 102 of FIGS. 1 and/or 4. At block 502, the example turn manager 102 (FIG. 1) determines whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. (Block 502). In examples disclosed herein, the example interface 402 (FIG. 4) is configured to communicate with the display 116 to determine whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained. In the event the interface 402 determines that an indication to perform a tank turn is not obtained (e.g., the control of block 502 returns a result of NO), the process waits.

[0053] Alternatively, in the event the interface 402 determines that an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained (e.g., the control of block 502 returns a result of YES), the turn manager 102 determines whether the desired turn is a counterclockwise turn. (Block 504). In examples disclosed herein, the interface 402 determines whether the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn. For example, a user of the vehicle 100 may select, via the display 116, to perform a counterclockwise tank turn.

[0054] In the event the interface 402 determines that the desired tank turn is a counterclockwise tank turn (e.g., the control of block 504 returns a result of YES), the turn manager 102 engages example front right and rear left brakes of a vehicle. (Block 506). In examples disclosed herein, the brake controller 404 (FIG. 4) engages example brakes 126, 128 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively, of FIG. 1. In an alternate example, the brake controller 404 engages the example brakes 118, 120 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively, of FIG. 1. In some examples, in response to the front axle and/or the rear axle being locked, the brake controller 404 does not engage the brakes 118, 120, 126, 128.

[0055] At block 508, the turn manager 102 decreases the suspension load of the front right wheel and the rear left wheel. (Block 508). In examples disclosed herein, the suspension controller 406 (FIG. 4) is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 130, 132 of the second front wheel 106 and the first rear wheel 108, respectively, of FIG. 1. In the alternate example, the brake suspension controller 406 is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions 122, 124 of the first front wheel 104 and the second rear wheel 110, respectively, of FIG. 1.

[0056] At block 510, the turn manager 102 drives the front wheels in reverse. (Block 510). In examples disclosed herein, the motor controller 408 (FIG. 4) is configured to drive the first motor 112 in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel 104 and the second front wheel 106 in reverse. In the alternate example, the motor controller 408 is con-

figured to drive the first motor **112** forward, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** forward.

[0057] At block **512**, the turn manager **102** drives the rear wheels forward. (Block **512**). In examples disclosed herein, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** forward, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** forward. In the alternate example, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** in reverse.

[0058] Turning back to block **504**, in the event the interface determines that the desired turn is not a counterclockwise turn (e.g., the control of block **504** returns a result of NO), the turn manager engages example front left and rear right brakes of a vehicle. (Block **514**). In examples disclosed herein, the brake controller **404** engages example brakes **118**, **120** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, of FIG. 1. In an alternate example, the brake controller **404** engages the example brakes **126**, **128** of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively, of FIG. 1. In some examples, in response to the front axle and/or the rear axle being locked, the brake controller **404** does not engage the brakes **118**, **120**, **126**, **128**.

[0059] At block **516**, the turn manager **102** decreases the suspension load of the front left wheel and the rear right wheel. (Block **516**). In examples disclosed herein, the suspension controller **406** is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions **122**, **124** of the first front wheel **104** and the second rear wheel **110**, respectively, of FIG. 1. In the alternate example, the suspension controller **406** is configured to decrease a suspension load of example suspensions **130**, **132** of the second front wheel **106** and the first rear wheel **108**, respectively.

[0060] At block **518**, the turn manager **102** drives the front wheels in reverse. (Block **518**). In examples disclosed herein, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the first motor **112** in reverse, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** in reverse. In the alternate example, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the first motor **112** forward, thus driving the first front wheel **104** and the second front wheel **106** forward.

[0061] At block **520**, the turn manager **102** drives the rear wheels forward. (Block **520**). In examples disclosed herein, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** forward, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** forward. In the alternate example, the motor controller **408** is configured to drive the second motor **114** in reverse, thus driving the first rear wheel **108** and the second rear wheel **110** in reverse.

[0062] In response to the execution of the instructions represented by block **512** or block **520**, the turn manager **102** is configured to determine whether the turn is complete. (Block **522**). In examples disclosed herein, the interface **402** determines whether the turn is complete.

[0063] In the event the interface **402** determines that the turn is not complete (e.g., the control of block **522** returns a result of NO), the process returns to block **504**. Alternatively, in the event the interface **402** determines that the turn is complete (e.g., the control of block **522** returns a result of YES), the process stops.

[0064] FIG. 6 is a block diagram of an example processor platform **600** structured to execute the instructions of FIG.

5 to implement the turn manager **102** of FIG. 1. The processor platform **600** can be, for example, a server, a personal computer, a workstation, a self-learning machine (e.g., a neural network), a mobile device (e.g., a cell phone, a smart phone, a tablet such as an iPad™), a personal digital assistant (PDA), an Internet appliance, a headset or other wearable device, or any other type of computing device.

[0065] The processor platform **600** of the illustrated example includes a processor **612**. The processor **612** of the illustrated example is hardware. For example, the processor **612** can be implemented by one or more integrated circuits, logic circuits, microprocessors, GPUs, DSPs, or controllers from any desired family or manufacturer. The hardware processor may be a semiconductor based (e.g., silicon based) device. In this example, the processor implements the example interface **402**, the example brake controller **404**, the example suspension controller **406**, and the example motor controller **408**.

[0066] The processor **612** of the illustrated example includes a local memory **613** (e.g., a cache). The processor **612** of the illustrated example is in communication with a main memory including a volatile memory **614** and a non-volatile memory **616** via a bus **618**. The volatile memory **614** may be implemented by Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM), Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM), RAMBUS® Dynamic Random Access Memory (RDRAM®) and/or any other type of random access memory device. The non-volatile memory **616** may be implemented by flash memory and/or any other desired type of memory device. Access to the main memory **614**, **616** is controlled by a memory controller.

[0067] The processor platform **600** of the illustrated example also includes an interface circuit **620**. The interface circuit **620** may be implemented by any type of interface standard, such as an Ethernet interface, a universal serial bus (USB), a Bluetooth® interface, a near field communication (NFC) interface, and/or a PCI express interface.

[0068] In the illustrated example, one or more input devices **622** are connected to the interface circuit **620**. The input device(s) **622** permit(s) a user to enter data and/or commands into the processor **612**. The input device(s) can be implemented by, for example, an audio sensor, a microphone, a camera (still or video), a keyboard, a button, a mouse, a touchscreen, a track-pad, a trackball, isopoint and/or a voice recognition system.

[0069] One or more output devices **624** are also connected to the interface circuit **620** of the illustrated example. The output devices **1024** can be implemented, for example, by display devices (e.g., a light emitting diode (LED), an organic light emitting diode (OLED), a liquid crystal display (LCD), a cathode ray tube display (CRT), an in-place switching (IPS) display, a touchscreen, etc.), and/or a tactile output device. The interface circuit **620** of the illustrated example, thus, typically includes a graphics driver card, a graphics driver chip and/or a graphics driver processor.

[0070] The interface circuit **620** of the illustrated example also includes a communication device such as a transmitter, a receiver, a transceiver, a modem, a residential gateway, a wireless access point, and/or a network interface to facilitate exchange of data with external machines (e.g., computing devices of any kind) via a network **626**. The communication can be via, for example, an Ethernet connection, a digital subscriber line (DSL) connection, a telephone line connec-

tion, a coaxial cable system, a satellite system, a line-of-site wireless system, a cellular telephone system, etc.

[0071] The processor platform **600** of the illustrated example also includes one or more mass storage devices **628** for storing software and/or data. Examples of such mass storage devices **628** include floppy disk drives, hard drive disks, compact disk drives, Blu-ray disk drives, redundant array of independent disks (RAID) systems, and digital versatile disk (DVD) drives.

[0072] The machine executable instructions **632** of FIG. 5 may be stored in the mass storage device **628**, in the volatile memory **614**, in the non-volatile memory **616**, and/or on a removable non-transitory computer readable storage medium such as a CD or DVD.

[0073] From the foregoing, it will be appreciated that example methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture have been disclosed that enable a vehicle to perform a tank turn. The disclosed methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture improve the efficiency of using a computing device by facilitating a tank turn in a vehicle including two electric motors to drive a front axle and a rear axle, respectively. The disclosed methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture are accordingly directed to one or more improvement(s) in the functioning of a computer.

[0074] Although certain example methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture have been disclosed herein, the scope of coverage of this patent is not limited thereto. On the contrary, this patent covers all methods, apparatus and articles of manufacture fairly falling within the scope of the claims of this patent.

[0075] The following claims are hereby incorporated into this Detailed Description by this reference, with each claim standing on its own as a separate embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0076] Example methods, apparatus, systems, and articles of manufacture to perform a tank turn are disclosed herein. Further examples and combinations thereof include the following:

[0077] Example 1 includes a vehicle comprising a first wheel and a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle, a first suspension coupled to the first wheel, a second suspension coupled to the second wheel, and a controller to drive the first axle in a first direction, drive the second axle in a second direction, the first direction different from the second direction, and decrease a first suspension load of the first suspension and a second suspension load of the second suspension.

[0078] Example 2 includes the vehicle of Example 1, wherein the first suspension includes a first flexible bellow, the second suspension includes a second flexible bellow.

[0079] Example 3 includes the vehicle of Example 2, wherein the controller is to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load by indicating to a first pump to remove air from the first flexible bellow, and indicating to a second pump to remove air from the second flexible bellow.

[0080] Example 4 includes the vehicle of Example 1, wherein the controller is to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load in response to determining that (a) a first brake associated with the first wheel is engaged and (b) a second brake associated with the second wheel is engaged.

[0081] Example 5 includes the vehicle of Example 4, further including a graphical user interface to display a button that, when selected, indicates to the controller to determine whether the first brake associated with the first wheel is engaged, and determine whether the second brake associated with the second wheel is engaged.

[0082] Example 6 includes the vehicle of Example 1, further including a first motor to drive the first axle and a second motor to drive the second axle.

[0083] Example 7 includes the vehicle of Example 6, wherein the first motor and the second motor are electric motors.

[0084] Example 8 includes the vehicle of Example 1, wherein the end of the first axle is a first end of the first axle, the end of the second axle is a first end of the second axle, the vehicle further including a third wheel located on a second end of the first axle, the third wheel coupled to a third suspension, and a fourth wheel located on a second end of the second axle, the fourth wheel coupled to a fourth suspension, the second end of the first axle opposite to the second end of the second axle.

[0085] Example 9 includes the vehicle of Example 8, wherein the controller is to in response to determining (a) a third brake associated with the third wheel is disengaged and (b) a fourth brake associated with the fourth wheel is disengaged, increase a third suspension load of the third suspension and a fourth suspension load of the fourth suspension.

[0086] Example 10 includes the vehicle of Example 1, further including a first motor to drive the first wheel in the first direction, and a second motor to drive the second wheel in the second direction.

[0087] Example 11 includes a non-transitory computer readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed, cause at least one processor to determine whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained, and in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained decrease a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel, and decrease a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

[0088] Example 12 includes the non-transitory computer readable medium of Example 11, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the at least one processor to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load by indicating to a first pump to remove air from a first flexible bellow of the first suspension, and indicating to a second pump to remove air from a second flexible bellow of the second suspension.

[0089] Example 13 includes the non-transitory computer readable medium of Example 11, wherein the instruction, when executed, cause the at least one processor to engage a first brake associated with the first wheel and engage a second brake associated with the second wheel.

[0090] Example 14 includes the non-transitory computer readable medium of Example 11, wherein the instruction, when executed, cause the at least one processor to drive the first wheel via a first electric motor, and drive the second wheel via a second electric motor.

[0091] Example 15 includes the non-transitory computer readable medium of Example 11, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the at least one processor to drive the

first wheel in a first direction via a first motor, and drive the second wheel in a second direction via a second motor, the first direction different from the second direction.

[0092] Example 16 includes a method comprising determining whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained, and in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained decreasing a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel, and decreasing a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

[0093] Example 17 includes the method of Example 16, further including decreasing the first suspension load and the second suspension load by indicating to a first pump to remove air from a first flexible bellow of the first suspension, and indicating to a second pump to remove air from a second flexible bellow of the second suspension.

[0094] Example 18 includes the method of Example 16, further including engaging a first brake associated with the first wheel and engaging a second brake associated with the second wheel.

[0095] Example 19 includes the method of Example 16, further including driving the first wheel via a first electric motor, and driving the second wheel via a second electric motor.

[0096] Example 20 includes the method of Example 16, further including driving the first wheel in a first direction via a first motor, and driving the second wheel in a second direction via a second motor, the first direction different from the second direction.

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle comprising:
 - a first wheel and a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle;
 - a first suspension coupled to the first wheel;
 - a second suspension coupled to the second wheel; and
 - a controller to:
 - drive the first axle in a first direction;
 - drive the second axle in a second direction, the first direction different from the second direction; and
 - decrease a first suspension load of the first suspension and a second suspension load of the second suspension.
2. The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the first suspension includes a first flexible bellow, the second suspension includes a second flexible bellow.
3. The vehicle of claim 2, wherein the controller is to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load by:
 - indicating to a first pump to remove air from the first flexible bellow; and
 - indicating to a second pump to remove air from the second flexible bellow.
4. The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the controller is to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load in response to determining that (a) a first brake associated with the first wheel is engaged and (b) a second brake associated with the second wheel is engaged.

5. The vehicle of claim 4, further including a graphical user interface to display a button that, when selected, indicates to the controller to:

- determine whether the first brake associated with the first wheel is engaged; and
- determine whether the second brake associated with the second wheel is engaged.

6. The vehicle of claim 1, further including a first motor to drive the first axle and a second motor to drive the second axle.

7. The vehicle of claim 6, wherein the first motor and the second motor are electric motors.

8. The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the end of the first axle is a first end of the first axle, the end of the second axle is a first end of the second axle, the vehicle further including:

- a third wheel located on a second end of the first axle, the third wheel coupled to a third suspension; and
- a fourth wheel located on a second end of the second axle, the fourth wheel coupled to a fourth suspension, the second end of the first axle opposite to the second end of the second axle.

9. The vehicle of claim 8, wherein the controller is to:

- in response to determining (a) a third brake associated with the third wheel is disengaged and (b) a fourth brake associated with the fourth wheel is disengaged, increase a third suspension load of the third suspension and a fourth suspension load of the fourth suspension.

10. The vehicle of claim 1, further including a first motor to drive the first wheel in the first direction, and a second motor to drive the second wheel in the second direction.

11. A non-transitory computer readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed, cause at least one processor to:

- determine whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained; and
- in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained:
 - decrease a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel; and
 - decrease a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

12. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the at least one processor to decrease the first suspension load and the second suspension load by:

- indicating to a first pump to remove air from a first flexible bellow of the first suspension; and
- indicating to a second pump to remove air from a second flexible bellow of the second suspension.

13. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instruction, when executed, cause the at least one processor to:

- engage a first brake associated with the first wheel; and
- engage a second brake associated with the second wheel.

14. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instruction, when executed, cause the at least one processor to:

- drive the first wheel via a first electric motor; and
- drive the second wheel via a second electric motor.

15. The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim **11**, wherein the instructions, when executed, cause the at least one processor to:

drive the first wheel in a first direction via a first motor;
and

drive the second wheel in a second direction via a second motor, the first direction different from the second direction.

16. A method comprising:

determining whether an indication to perform a tank turn is obtained; and

in response to determining the indication to perform the tank turn is obtained:

decreasing a first suspension load of a first suspension coupled to a first wheel; and

decreasing a second suspension load of a second suspension coupled to a second wheel, the first wheel located on an end of a first axle, the second wheel located on an end of a second axle, the end of the first axle opposite to the end of the second axle.

17. The method of claim **16**, further including decreasing the first suspension load and the second suspension load by:
indicating to a first pump to remove air from a first flexible bellow of the first suspension; and
indicating to a second pump to remove air from a second flexible bellow of the second suspension.

18. The method of claim **16**, further including:

engaging a first brake associated with the first wheel; and
engaging a second brake associated with the second wheel.

19. The method of claim **16**, further including:

driving the first wheel via a first electric motor; and
driving the second wheel via a second electric motor.

20. The method of claim **16**, further including:

driving the first wheel in a first direction via a first motor;
and

driving the second wheel in a second direction via a second motor, the first direction different from the second direction.

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